

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A connection ~~element~~ device for attaching a planiform or dish-shaped component to a supporting structure having a first retainer ~~mounted on~~ coupled to the component and a second retainer mounted on the supporting structure, the connection ~~element~~ device comprising:

an anchorage part including a screw thread adapted to couple ~~coupling~~ the anchorage part with the first retainer adjustably in at least a Z-translational direction in relation to a surface of the component when the anchorage part is coupled to the first retainer;

an insertion pin, including a trunnion portion on a first end and a ball on a second end of the insertion pin opposite of the first end, the ball coupling with the anchorage part as a ball joint, such that the insertion pin is adapted to be adjustable in at least the Z-translational direction in relation to the surface of the component;

a receiver, the receiver being of an elastically deformable soft material and having a first recess, the first recess being contoured for receiving the trunnion portion of the insertion pin, providing a snap connection between the receiver and the insertion pin and, the receiver includes a support flange capable of coupling with ~~[[a]]~~ the second retainer ~~coupled mounted~~ to the supporting structure ~~component~~ such that the support flange of the receiver fits flat against the second retainer and is to be adjustably held and attachable in an XY-plane substantially perpendicularly in relation to the Z-translational direction; and

a ~~means for locking~~ device for locking the support flange within the second retainer, wherein the ~~means for locking~~ device locks the support flange within the second retainer when activated.

2. (Currently amended) The connection device ~~element~~ of claim 1, wherein the ~~means for locking~~ includes a locking device ~~activated~~ activates when the trunnion portion of the insertion pin is snapped into the first recess of the receiver.

3. (Currently amended) The connection device element of claim 1, wherein the receiver includes a second recess contoured for receiving the trunnion portion of the insertion pin and the second recess is disposed at a distance from the first recess in the Z-translational direction, such that when the trunnion portion of the insertion pin is received in the second recess, the support flange remains adjustable in the XY-plane and when the trunnion portion is snapped from the second recess into the first recess, then the ~~means for~~ locking device locks the support flange in the XY-plane.
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7. (Currently amended) The connection device element of claim 1, wherein the second retainer includes a retention plate and the support flange of the receiver is ~~capable of being adapted to be~~ retained by the retention plate.
8. (Currently amended) The connection device element of claim 1, further comprising a U-shaped clamp, the receiver including an anchor bracket and the U-shaped clamp is insertable into the anchor bracket such that the trunnion portion is secured by the U-shaped clamp and the anchor bracket.
9. (Currently amended) The connection device element of claim 1, wherein the soft material of the receiver is an elastomer.
10. (Currently amended) The connection device of claim 1 element of claim 2, wherein the locking device includes an intermediate pin, and the intermediate pin contacts the insertion

pin, when the insertion pin is inserted in the first recess, such that the intermediate pin firmly clamps the support flange within the second retainer.